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SUMMARY: THE INDEPENDENT HAMBURG WEEKLY DIE ZEIT
DEVOTED FULL- PAGE COMMENTARY TO CSCE PHASE I CONFERENCE,
AND STORIES FROM HELSINKI COVERING FRG FONMIN SCHEEL' S
SPEECH AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUED TO DOMINATE
NEWS AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN MOST WEST GERMAN DAILIES
JULY 5. THE SECRETARY' S MEETING WITH GDR FOREIGN
MINISTER WINZER WAS WIDELY REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

1. SOME NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORIES REPORTING ON THE
SECRETARY' S CONVERSATION WITH WINZER. WINZER
REPORTEDLY MENTIONED GDR DESIRE FOR EARLY ESTABLISH-
MENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS; THE SECRETARY WAS
REPORTED AS SAYING ONLY THAT THE US HAS THE MATTER
UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. IN LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY ANDREAS KOHLSCHUETTER IN
ITS POLITICAL SECTION, DIE ZEIT COMMENTED THAT " THE
JOY OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS OVER THE FAVORABLE BEGINNING
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OF THE CONGRESS IN HELSINKI SHOULD NOT BLIND US TO THE FACT THAT THE SPADE WORK IS STILL TO COME... ONLY THEN WILL WE SEE WHETHER THE SECURITY AND COOPERATION EXPERIMENT STANDS A CHANCE OF SUCCESS." BUT DIE ZEIT COMMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET UNION HAD PUSHED FOR THE CSCE, THIS SHOULD NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE THAT THE CONFERENCE CAN ONLY BE A LOSING PROPOSITION FOR THE WEST: DETENTE IS NOT A BAD THING MERELY BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION IS INTERESTED IN IT."

3. PRESS REACTION TO SCHEEL' S SPEECH WAS GENERALLY QUITE FAVORABLE. THE CONSERVATIVE BONNER RUNDSCHAU SAID " SCHEEL CUT A BRILLIANT FIGURE. HE TABLED CONCRETE PROPOSALS, WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD MAKE THE CONFERENCE SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE." DUESSELDORF' S CONSERVATIVE RHEINISCHE POST REPORTED THAT THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTER HAD URGED BOLD DECISIONS, AND THAT HIS SPEECH SHOWS THAT THE FRG WILL MEASURE SUCCESS IN TERMS OF HOW USEFUL THE RESULTS ARE FOR PEOPLE. IN PRAISING SCHEEL' S " EXEMPLARY HONESTY AND CANDOR," HOWEVER, MUNICH' S INDEPENDENT SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG WARNED THAT THESE VIRTUES ALSO IMPLIED CERTAIN DANGERS. THE SUEDEUTSCHE SAID SOME DELEGATIONS HAD INTERPRETED SCHEEL' S FIRM STATEMENT OF AIMS FOR THE CONFERENCE AS AN ULTIMATUM, BUT THAT HIS STATEMENTS HAD GONE UNOPPOSED FOR THE TIME BEING. THE NEWSPAPER CARRIED A REPORT THAT AMERICAN OBSERVERS HAD HAILED SCHEEL' S SPEECH AS IN EFFECT A CANCELLATION OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE.

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4. IN ITS LEAD STORY, HAMBURG' S CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT EMPHASIZED DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH BETWEEN SCHEEL AND WINZER. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT WHILE SCHEEL CALLED FOR INTENSIFIED HUMAN CONTACTS AS AN INDESPENSIBLE ELEMENT OF DETENTE, WINZER STRESSED THE DESIRE FOR RECOGNITION OF " TERRITORIAL REALITIES" UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG TOOK A SIMILAR LINE, COMMENTING THAT " WINZER BELIEVES IT IS THE MISSION OF THE TWO GERMAN DELEGATIONS TO MAKE THE SOVIET IDEAS ON EUROPEAN RELATIONS PREVAIL... SCHEEL' S CONCEPT LOOKS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT: TO HIM DETENTE IS NO GOOD UNLESS ITS EFFECTS SHOW IN DAY- TO- DAY LIFE."

5. THE COLOGNE CATHOLIC WEEKLY RHEINISCHER MERKUR, CONTINUED TO REFLECT GUARDEDLY PESSIMISTIC VIEWS. IN DESCRIBING THE RECENT US- SOVIET AGREEMENTS ON NUCLEAR ARMS AS A SANCTION FOR SOVIET SUPREMACY, THE MERKUR WARNS THAT " THE KREMLIN HAS COME TO THIS CONFERENCE-- AN UNCERTAIN CONFERENCE FOR WEST EUROPEAN FREEDOM-- WITH AN ENTIRE STACK OF TRUMP CARDS: THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR UMBRELLA OVER WEST EUROPE HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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PUT DOWN; THE DOLLAR IS SLUMPING; THE TRADE WAR BETWEEN THE EO AND WASHINGTON CONTINUES; DETENTE EUPHORIA ERODES WEST EUROPE' S WILL TO DEFENSE..." WITH OTHER CONSERVATIVE PAPERS, IT STRESSES THE NEED FOR CAUTION. HILLENBRAND

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